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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft report of the Committee on its eleventh session

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Addendum

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

B. Organization of work

Add the following paragraph after paragraph 13:

... At the 4th plenary meeting, on 13 February, the Co-Chairmen of Working Groups I and II reported on the progress of consideration of agenda items under their respective responsibilities.

III. GENERAL STATEMENTS

Add the following new paragraph after paragraph 22:

... At the 4th plenary meeting, on 13 February, a statement was made on behalf of environmental non-governmental organizations.

V. MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITMENTS

31. At its 1st meeting, on 6 February, Working Group I, bearing in mind rule 46 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, maintained the decision taken at the second session (A/AC.237/9, para. 25) that its meetings would be open unless it decided otherwise. Working Group I held .. open meetings from 6 to .. February, as well as a number of informal meetings and consultations.

32. At the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Working Group, on 6 February, the Chairman of the IPCC responded to questions raised by representatives in the Working Group, in the light of his earlier presentation to the Committee.

A. First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention

1. Proceedings

33. Working Group I discussed sub-item 7 (a) at its 2nd meeting on 6 February, and at its 3rd and 4th meetings on 7 February. It had before it the following documents, which were introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat:

(a) Compilation and synthesis of national communications from Annex I Parties (A/AC.237/81);

(b) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention. Issues to be addressed by the Committee: an overview (A/AC.237/82);

(c) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention: comments from Parties or other Member States (A/AC.237/Misc.42);

(d) Status of submissions of first communications from Annex I Parties: note by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/INF.16/Rev.2); and

(e) Executive summaries of national communications (A/AC.237/NC/1 - 14).

34. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of 19 States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and another on behalf of the European

Community and its member States. A statement was also made by the observer for a non-governmental organization.

35. Having discussed texts presented by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.I/L...), Working Group I, at its ... meeting, on ... February, proposed draft conclusions of the Committee and draft recommendations to COP 1 on the sub-item, for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

36. On the recommendation of Working Group I, the Committee, at its .. plenary meeting, on .. February, agreed on the following conclusions regarding sub-item 7(a).

37. The Committee thanked the interim secretariat, and the experts and organizations that assisted it, for preparing the compilation and synthesis of national communications contained in document A/AC.237/81. It was seen as a fundamentally important document which was useful for discussions at the eleventh session and at COP 1, including for discussion on the review of adequacy of the commitments in Article 4.2(a) and (b). The preparation of the synthesis document was seen as a promising first step in the review process and a good basis for the in-depth reviews which will begin soon.

38. On the recommendation of Working Group I, the Committee, at the same meeting, also adopted recommendation ... on the preparation and submission of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, and recommendation .. on the review of first communications from the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, for submission to COP 1, the texts of which are contained in Part Two of this report.

B. Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b)

1. Proceedings

39. Working Group I discussed sub-item 7 (b) at its 4th to 7th meetings from 7 to 9 February. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b): annotated compilation (A/AC.237/83); and

(b) Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b): comments from Parties or other member States (A/AC.237/Misc.43 and Add.1).

40. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of 36 States, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and another speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

41. Having discussed texts presented by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.I/L...), Working Group I, at its ... meeting on ... February, recommended a draft decision on the sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

42. On the recommendation of Working Group I, the Committee, at its .... plenary meeting on .. February, adopted decision ... on review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

C. Criteria for joint implementation

1. Proceedings

43. Working Group I discussed sub-item 7(c) at its 7th, 8th and 9th meetings, on 9 and 10 February. It had before it a document containing comments from Parties or other member States on criteria for joint implementation (A/AC.237/Misc.44), which was introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat.

44. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of 22 States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

45. Having discussed texts prepared by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.I/L...), Working Group I, at its ... meeting, on .. February, recommended a draft decision on the sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

46. On the recommendation of Working Group I, the Committee, at its ... plenary meeting on .. February, adopted decision ..., the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

D. Methodological issues

1. Proceedings

47. Working Group I discussed sub-item 7(d) at its 2nd meeting, on 6 February. It had before it a note by the interim secretariat on methodological issues (A/AC.237/84).

48. Statements were made by the representatives of 10 States, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

49. Having discussed a text presented by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.I/L.25), Working Group I, at its ... meeting, on .. February, proposed a draft recommendation to COP 1 on the sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

50. On the recommendation of Working Group 1, the Committee, at its ... plenary meeting on ... February, adopted recommendation .. on methodological issues for submission to COP 1, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

E. The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention

1. Proceedings

51. Working Group I discussed sub-item 7(e) at its 9th, 10th and ... meetings, on 10, 14 and .. February. It had before it a note by the interim secretariat on the roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention (A/AC.237/85).

52. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of [12] States, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and another speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. A statement was also made by the observer for a non-governmental organization.

53. Having discussed a text presented by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.I/L...), Working Group I, at its ... meeting on ... February, proposed a draft recommendation to COP 1 on the sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

54. On the recommendation of Working Group I, the Committee, at its ... plenary meeting on .. February, adopted recommendation .... on the roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention for submission to COP 1, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

VI. MATTERS RELATING TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES

55. At its 1st meeting, on 6 February, Working Group II, bearing in mind rule 46 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, maintained the decision taken at its second session (A/AC.237/9, para. 36) that its meetings would be open unless it decided otherwise. Working Group II held ... open meetings from 6 to ... February, as well as a number of informal meetings and consultations.

56. At the 2nd meeting of the Working Group, on 6 February, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the GEF responded to questions raised by representatives in the Working Group, in the light of his earlier presentation to the Committee.

A. Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paragraphs 1-4

(i) Guidance on programme priorities, eligibility criteria and policies, and on the determination of "agreed full incremental costs"

1. Proceedings

57. Working Group II considered sub-item 8(a)(i) at its 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th meetings, on 7, 8 and 14 February. It had before it the following documents, which were introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat:

(a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism) - Issues to be addressed by the Committee: a preliminary overview (A/AC.237/86);

(b) Elements for inclusion in arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and an operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism (A/AC.237/87);

(c) Transfer of technology (A/AC.237/88);

(d) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism): approach paper by the Group of 77 and China on the format for communication of information by non-Annex I Parties (A/AC.237/Misc.40); and

(e) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism): Co-Chairmen's text and submissions received from Governments (A/AC.237/Misc.41 and Add.1).

58. Statements were made under this sub-item by representatives of ... States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and another on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

59. Having discussed a text presented by the Co-Chairmen, Working Group II, at its ... meeting, on ... February, proposed a draft recommendation to COP 1 on the sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

60. On the recommendation of Working Group II, the Committee, at its ... plenary meeting on ... February, adopted recommendation ... on guidance on programme priorities, eligibility criteria and policies, and on determination of "agreed full incremental costs" for submission to COP 1, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

(ii) Modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism

1. Proceedings

61. Working Group II discussed sub-item 8(a)(ii) at its 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th meetings on 7, 9 and 14 February. It had before it a note by the interim secretariat on elements for inclusion and arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism (A/AC.237/87), which was introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat.

62. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of .. States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and another on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

63. Having discussed a text presented by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.II/L.10), Working Group II, at its .. meeting, on .. February, proposed a draft recommendation to COP 1 on this sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

64. On the recommendation of Working Group II, the Committee, at its .. plenary meeting on .. February, adopted recommendation .. on modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism for submission to COP 1, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

B. Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, paragraph 3

1. Proceedings

65. Working Group II considered sub-item 8(b) at its 2nd, 3rd and 5th meetings, on 6, 7 and 8 February. It had before it the following documents relating to the sub-item, which were introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat:

(a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism) - Issues to be addressed by the Committee: a preliminary overview (A/AC.237/86); and

(b) Report on the 2nd meeting of the GEF Council: note by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/89).

66. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of 20 States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and another on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

67. Having discussed a text proposed by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.II/L.9), Working Group II, at its 8th meeting on 14 February, proposed a draft recommendation to COP 1 on the sub-item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

68. On the recommendation of Working Group II, the Committee, at its ... plenary meeting on ... February, adopted recommendation ... on the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, paragraph 3, for submission to COP 1, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

VII. PROVISION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

1. Proceedings

69. Working Group II considered item 9 at its 7th, 8th and .. meetings, on 9 and 14 February. It had before it a note by the interim secretariat on the Climate Convention cooperation programme (A/AC.237/90 and Add.1-3) which was introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat, who, together with the representatives of UNEP, UNITAR and the GEF, responded to questions raised.

70. Statements were made under this item by the representatives of .. States.

71. Having discussed a text proposed by the Co-Chairmen, Working Group II, at its .. meeting on .. February, proposed a draft ..... on the item for adoption by the Committee.

2. Conclusions

72. On the recommendation of Working Group II, the Committee, at its .. plenary meeting on .. February, adopted .....

[to be completed]

VIII. PROCEDURAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

A. Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention

[to be completed]

B. Review of the Annexes to the Convention

1. Proceedings

73. The Committee considered item 4 at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 February 1995.

74. The representative of the Czech Republic informed the Committee that his Government intended to make a formal proposal to amend Annex 1 to the Convention so as to include the Czech Republic as one of the successor States to the former Czechoslovakia. He stated that his Government would, pursuant to Article 16, notify the secretariat of its proposal to amend Annex 1 accordingly. He also indicated that his Government was planning to notify the Depositary in the near future, pursuant to Article 4.2(g), of its intent to be bound by Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention.

2. Conclusions

75. The Committee noted that this matter would be included in the provisional agenda for the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

IX. DESIGNATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING

76. The Committee considered this item at its 2nd, 3rd, 4th and ... plenary meetings, on 8, 10, 13 and ... February. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 February, statements under this item were limited to those by representatives of countries that had offered to host the permanent secretariat. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 10 February, the Chairman presented the conclusions of the Contact Group on the permanent secretariat (A/AC.237/79/Add.5). He proposed, and the Committee agreed, that the sub-items should be taken up in reverse order.

A. Institutional linkages

[to be completed]

B. Financial rules of the Conference of the Parties and of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention

[to be completed]

C. Physical location

1. Proceedings

77. The Committee considered sub-item 5(c) at its 2nd and 3rd plenary meetings on 8 and 10 February. It had before it the complete texts of offers received from potential host Governments (A/AC.237/Misc.45), and a comparative summary of four detailed submissions prepared by the interim secretariat in accordance with indications given by the Governments concerned (A/AC.237/79/Add.4).

78. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 February, the representative of Canada formally presented his Government's offer to host the permanent secretariat in the city of Toronto, the details of which were contained in document A/AC.237/Misc.45. He informed the Committee that, in addition, the City of Toronto had offered to provide the secretariat with additional funding of 1 million Canadian dollars annually for a period of five years. Those resources were available because of savings resulting from the City's energy reduction programme. A limited number of staff would be made available to the secretariat, at its discretion and as it deemed appropriate, for the first five years of the secretariat's operation.

79. The representative of Germany, referring to his country's offer to host the permanent secretariat in the city of Bonn detailed in document A/AC.237/Misc.45, emphasized that the office space provided would be on a permanent rent-free basis and that the DM 3.5 million his Government would provide annually to cover special costs could also be used for events organized outside Germany.

80. The representative of Switzerland informed the Committee that his Government was prepared to increase its total annual financial contribution to at least Sw F 4.6 million annually. He also informed the Committee that as a result of the successful conclusion of the Headquarters Agreement between his Government and the World Trade Organization there would be specific improvements in the privileges of diplomats and international staff located in Geneva, which would be applicable to the permanent secretariat.

81. The representative of Uruguay said that his country, as a developing country, could not afford to offer subsidies or grants or to offer facilities to the least developed countries. His Government had offered to host the permanent secretariat in the city of Montevideo because of its commitment to environmental policies and because it felt that developing countries should fully shoulder their responsibilities in the area of climate change and be equal partners on the international scene.

82. The representative of Kenya said that, while his Government had offered to host the permanent secretariat in Nairobi because it attached great importance to the implementation of international environmental instruments and because it felt that co-location with UNEP would be of great value, it had decided, in light of the other offers made, to withdraw its own offer.

83. The Chairman asked the representative of Kenya to convey to his Government the Committee's great appreciation of the offer that had been made and its interest in the development of Nairobi as an international centre.

84. At the 3rd plenary meeting on 10 February, the Chairman presented the conclusions of the Contact Group on this question (A/AC.237/79/Add.5, sect.III). The Contact Group had recommended to the Committee that, in assessing the offers made, it should take account of three main criteria: convenience of access by delegations; the economies offered by co-location with other United Nations offices; and the contributions offered by the prospective host Governments in cash and/or in kind. The first two criteria would favour the location of the Convention secretariat in an existing United Nations centre. The last criterion would give preference to the host Government making the best financial offer. The Contact Group had expressed the hope that, whatever decision was taken, the countries that had offered to host the secretariat would have opportunities to host operational activities related to the Convention, thus giving a needed regional dimension to such activities.

85. In the ensuing discussion, statements were made by the representatives of ten countries. The criteria elaborated by the Contact Group were found acceptable. Some representatives saw merit in building upon existing centres of international activity, while others felt that the development of new centres should not be discouraged. Four representatives explicitly indicated their countries' preference for Geneva for the location of the secretariat, while two indicated their countries' preference for Bonn and one indicated his country's preference for Toronto. One representative said that the question should be left to COP 1 and that no attempt should be made to arrive at a recommendation at the present session. The representative of Switzerland responded to questions regarding his country's offer of financial support.

[to be completed]

2. Conclusions

[to be completed]

X. REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERIM SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING REVIEW OF EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

1. Proceedings

86. The Committee considered this item at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 10 February. The Executive Secretary introduced a note (document A/AC.237/80) containing information on the staffing of the interim secretariat for 1995 and on the two extrabudgetary funds established by General Assembly resolution 45/212, paragraphs 10 and 20, namely, the special voluntary fund for participation and the trust fund for the negotiating process. In so doing, he thanked contributors to both funds, in particular those which had made exceptionally large contributions, and updated information provided in the note.

87. He indicated that financial support for participation in the eleventh session had been offered to delegates from 110 eligible countries and that 95 countries had taken advantage of this offer. He noted that a further US$ 1 million were needed to support participation in meetings in 1995. Of this, US$ 0.3 million was sought as exceptional support for the participation in the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 1) of a second delegate from those Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing countries.

88. With regard to the funding for the interim secretariat, the Executive Secretary indicated that new contributions in the amount of approximately US$ 4.7 million were sought to the end of 1995. This would take into account the anticipated increase in workload after COP 1, including servicing the subsidiary bodies, any new negotiating process and the in-depth review of communications, as well as the organization of meetings (the technical servicing of which would no longer be provided after COP 1) and the information system. He reiterated that it would be preferable if the needs of the secretariat could be met by unconditional contributions to the trust fund, rather than by contributions tied to individual staffing arrangements or specific activities. He was consulting contributors on these questions. With respect to staffing, he noted the balance of professional staff from Annex I and from non-Annex I countries in the interim secretariat. He also indicated that the lack of contractual stability for the majority of staff continued to be a matter for concern, in the absence of a predictable and agreed budget.

89. Statements were made by representatives of seven States, including one on behalf of the European Community and its member States, regarding the needs of both funds.

90. With respect to the special voluntary fund, the representative of Japan indicated that a further contribution from his country might be forthcoming. The representative of Germany informed the Committee that its last contribution in 1994 was intended to provide a basis for the participation in COP 1 of a second delegate from Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing countries. The representative of Switzerland informed the Committee of its further contribution of Sw F 100,000 for participation in the present session and COP 1, and an additional contribution of Sw F 50,000 for the participation of countries with economies in transition. The representative of Australia indicated that his Government continued to provide assistance to developing island countries in the South Pacific for participation, inter alia, in meetings related to the Convention.

91. With respect to the trust fund for the negotiating process, the representative of Australia stated that the funding estimates in document A/AC.237/80 represented a reasonable forecast of what would be required for the interim secretariat to carry out the tasks allocated to it, given the likely growth in demands on the secretariat after COP 1. He requested information on the costs of services made available to the interim secretariat in 1995. The representative of France, on behalf of the European Community and its member States, suggested that the estimates for funding the interim secretariat in 1995 were closely linked with the budget outline for the permanent secretariat for 1996/97. He proposed that an ad hoc open-ended working group should be established during the session to study the estimates for 1995 and report back to the Committee; it should continue to function at COP 1. This proposal was supported by other delegations. It was noted that the question of the establishment of such a working group would be taken up under item 5 (b) of the agenda.

2. Conclusions

92. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 10 February, the Committee:

(a) Took note of the information presented in document A/AC.237/80 and of the considerations contained in paragraphs 12 and 13 therein;

(b) Took note with appreciation of the extrabudgetary support provided for participation in the work of the Committee and for COP 1, as well as for the activities of the interim secretariat;

(c) Appealed for additional contributions to enable the interim secretariat to support participation at COP 1 by a second delegate from Parties that are least developed countries or that are eligible small island developing countries;

(d) Noted the need for the financial estimates for the secretariat's work in 1995 to be further reviewed in connection with the budget for 1996/97;

(e) Expressed its support for the efforts of contributors and the interim secretariat to mobilize the extrabudgetary funds that would be required for 1995, taking account of the desirability that contributions be untied.

XI. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Proceedings

93. The Committee considered this item at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 10 February 1995. It had before it a note by the Executive Secretary (A/AC.237/78 and Add.1-2), which was introduced by a representative of the interim secretariat. Statements were made by the representatives of seven States, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States. In addition, the representative of the interim secretariat responded to a number of questions and requests for clarification.

94. All the representatives who spoke on this item expressed support for the proposals contained in the secretariat documentation, regarding, inter alia, the preparation of the provisional agenda for COP 1, the admission of organizations as observers, the establishment of a sessional Committee of the Whole, participation in the debate during the ministerial segment and duration of statements. Emphasis was placed by some representatives on the importance of ensuring that the presence of Ministers at COP 1, reflecting the highest possible level of political support for the Convention, should be used to give further impetus to the Convention and to provide orientations for further action nationally and internationally. In that connection, mention was made of the possibility of organizing a ministerial round table and adopting a ministerial declaration at COP 1. One representative, referring to the list of possible elements for the provisional agenda of COP 1, considered that no explicit provision should be made for the adoption of such a declaration until there was an understanding regarding its substantive content..

95. The Executive Secretary, referring to the signature of the agreement between the interim secretariat and the host Government, paid tribute to the commitment and energy of the German

authorities in the preparations for the Conference of the Parties. He was sure that the stage had been set for a successful Conference. He shared the view that maximum advantage should be taken of the presence of Ministers in order to heighten political support for the Convention and to convey the importance of climate change to national constituencies.

96. The Chairman reported to the Committee on the status of his consultations with regional groups on the question of the nominations for members of the Bureau of the Conference. He recalled that, at the 1st plenary meeting, the representative of Suriname, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) had presented nominations for two Vice-Presidents of the Conference. He had also been informed of the progress of consultations in the other regional groups. The representative of Lesotho, on behalf of the African Group, presented nominations for one Vice-President of the Conference and for the post of Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. The representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the Asian Group, said that his Group's nominations for two posts would be forthcoming.

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2. Conclusions

97. At the same meeting, the Committee:

(a) Took note with satisfaction that an agreement had been concluded between the interim secretariat of the Convention and the Government of Germany on arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 1) in Berlin;

(b) Expressed its appreciation to the Government of Germany for its efforts to ensure optimal conditions for the work of COP 1 and welcomed the fact that the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany would address COP 1 at the start of the ministerial segment on 5 April;

(c) Took note that , following the past practice of the Committee, heads of partner organizations had been invited by the Executive Secretary to speak at the opening of the Conference;

(d) Requested the Executive Secretary to draw up a provisional agenda for COP 1 on the basis of the revised list in document A/AC.237/78 annex I, in the light of the outcome of the eleventh session of the Committee and in consultation with the Chairman and Bureau of the Committee, and to prepare annotations to that provisional agenda;

(e) Reiterated its recommendation that Parties include in their delegations, in accordance with their capacities, representatives with expertise in the various economic, social, scientific and environmental fields that are relevant to the objectives of the Convention, owing to the wide range of matters that are to be decided by the COP, and in order to ensure effective participation of Parties during COP 1.

98. Having discussed a text proposed by the Chairman (A/AC.237/L.25), the Committee, at its ... plenary meeting on ... February, adopted recommendation ... on organizational matters for submission to COP 1, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

XII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION

99. At the ... plenary meeting, on 17 February, the Rapporteur presented the draft report of the session to the Committee (A/AC.237/L.24 and Add. 1-2 and documents A/AC.237/WG.I/L...,). The Committee considered and adopted the draft report as orally amended. It requested the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the interim secretariat and under the guidance of the Chairman, to complete the report, taking into account the discussions of the Committee and the need for editorial adjustments.

100. Closing statements were made by the representatives of ..... . The Chairman thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the session.